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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING HIRING STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Athletic director" means an individual responsible for
3 administering the athletic program of a school or school district under
4 the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education, and who is
5 responsible for the supervision of athletic coaches.
- 6 (2) "Athletic coach" means any person holding a coaching permit
7 issued by the State Board of Education who is hired by a local or
8 regional board of education to coach a sport for a sport season as part
9 of intramural and interscholastic athletics for a school or a school
10 district.
- 11 (3) "School professional" means any school teacher, administrator or
12 other personnel certified by the State Board of Education pursuant to
13 section 10-145b of the general statutes.

14 (b) Any person employed as an athletic director for a school shall
15 hold (1) a certificate issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to
16 section 10-145b of the general statutes and a coaching permit issued by
17 the state board, or (2) a certificate issued by a national athletic
18 administrators association, as approved by the Department of
19 Education, and a coaching permit issued by the state board.

20 (c) Any person employed as an athletic director for a school district
21 shall hold (1) a certificate issued by the state board pursuant to section
22 10-145b of the general statutes with an intermediate administrator and
23 supervisor endorsement and a coaching permit issued by the state
24 board, or (2) a master certificate issued by a national athletic
25 administrators association, as approved by the department, and a
26 coaching permit issued by the state board.

27 (d) An athletic director administering the athletic program of a
28 school or school district shall have the following responsibilities: (1)
29 Ensuring that each athletic coach in the athletic program holds a
30 coaching permit issued by the state board, (2) supervising and
31 evaluating athletic coaches, in accordance with the provisions of
32 section 10-222e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (3)
33 supervising students participating in intramural or interscholastic
34 athletics, (4) possessing knowledge and understanding of all rules and
35 regulations of the governing authority for intramural and
36 interscholastic athletics, (5) administering and arranging the
37 scheduling of and transportation to athletic activities and events, (6)
38 administering and arranging the scheduling, transportation and hiring
39 of officials, (7) ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all athletic
40 activities and events, and (8) any other duties relevant to the
41 organization and administration of the athletic program for the school
42 or school district.

43 (e) Any athletic director responsible for the evaluation of any school
44 professional shall hold a certificate issued by the State Board of
45 Education, pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes, with an

46 intermediate administrator and supervisor endorsement.

47 Sec. 2. Section 10-222e of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

49 (a) [~~Local and~~] Any local or regional [boards] board of education
50 that [~~employ~~] employs an athletic [~~coaches~~] coach, as defined in section
51 1 of this act, shall require the [~~coaches' immediate supervisor~~] athletic
52 director, as defined in section 1 of this act, or the immediate supervisor
53 of such coach to evaluate, in accordance with the provisions of section
54 1 of this act, such [~~coaches~~] coach on an annual basis and [~~to~~] provide
55 such [~~coaches~~] coach with [~~copies~~] a copy of such [~~evaluations~~]
56 evaluation.

57 (b) Any local or regional board of education acting directly, or
58 through its duly authorized agent, that terminates or declines to renew
59 the coaching contract of an athletic coach who has served in the same
60 coaching position for three or more consecutive school years shall
61 inform such coach of such decision no later than ninety days after the
62 completion of the sport season covered by the contract. Such coach
63 shall have an opportunity to appeal such decision to the local or
64 regional board of education in a manner prescribed by such local or
65 regional board of education. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a
66 local or regional board of education from terminating the coaching
67 contract of an athletic coach at any time (1) for reasons of moral
68 misconduct, insubordination or a violation of the rules of the board of
69 education, or (2) because a sport has been cancelled by the board of
70 education.

71 [(c) For the purposes of this section, "athletic coach" means any
72 person holding a coaching permit who is hired by a local or regional
73 board of education to coach for a sport season.]

74 Sec. 3. Section 10-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
75 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

76 The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt
77 regulations fixing the qualifications of athletic coaches, as defined in
78 section 1 of this act, of intramural and interscholastic athletics. Such
79 regulations shall make provision for qualified persons who do not
80 possess a teaching certificate to coach intramural and interscholastic
81 athletics if a qualified person possessing a teaching certificate is not
82 available.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-222e
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-149

Statement of Purpose:

To establish hiring standards for athletic directors of schools and school districts and to outline the responsibilities of athletic directors.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]